SHARE OF SUPPORT TO SELECTED CARNEGIE GROUPS

Federal S&E funds—both R&D and "other S&E"—have been historically concentrated within the research, doctorate-granting, and medical institutions. These institutions received between 93 percent and 96 percent of all S&E funds, between 94 percent and 97 percent of R&D funds, and between 81 percent and 93 percent of other S&E funds during the FY 1971–2000 period. (See figure 6 and appendix table 4.) However, there was a perceptible shift in fund shares over the 30-year period.

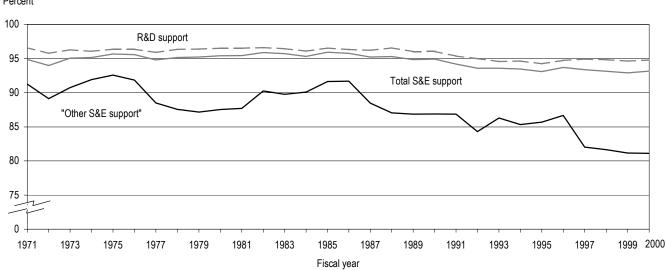
Most of the change in Federal R&D fund shares occurred within research, doctorate-granting, and medical institutions—with a shift away from research 1, research 2, and doctorate 1 institutions and toward the doctorate 2 and medical institutions. (See appendix table 5.) For example, the share received by research 1 institutions declined from 81 to 75 percent during the FY 1971–2000 period, while the shares received by doctorate 2 and medical institutions increased from

2 percent to 4 percent and 5 to 9 percent, respectively. The increased share of Federal R&D funds directed to medical institutions can probably be attributed to the rapid increase in the the National Institutes of Health budget, particularly during the 1990s. The combined share going to 2-year and all other Carnegie institutions increased slightly less than 2 percentage points during the 30-year period.

The nature of the change in "other S&E support" shares was quite different. The combined share going to research, doctorate-granting, and medical institutions decreased from 91 percent to 81 percent, with very little internal redistribution. Although the 2-year institutions had a slight increase in share, most of the increase in share went to all other Carnegie institutions, particularly the comprehensive institutions and other institutions. (See appendix table 5.)

Figure 6. Share of Federal S&E support to academic institutions received by 1994 Carnegie research, doctorate-granting and medical institutions, by type of support: FY 1971–2000

Percent



NOTE: S&E support includes R&D support (both R&D and R&D plant) and "other S&E support" (facilities and equipment for S&E instruction; fellowships, traineeships, and training grants; general support for S&E; and other S&E activities).

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Federal Science and Engineering Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions, as reported in WebCASPAR data system (available at http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/stats.htm).